

and comprising a second chamber to which at least one first fluid inlet and a second outlet are connected,

the method comprising the following steps:

sending blood through the input line connected to the exchanger,

filtering blood first in the exchanger, producing a first filtrate,

filtering the first filtrate at least a second time in the treatment unit,

producing a second filtrate,

sending the second filtrate through the input line to effect a pre-dilution of the blood to be treated,

sending the blood out from the exchanger to the output line,

sending the non-filtered liquid to the drain line.

36. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~preceding~~ claim 35 wherein the second filtration step filters through the membrane of the treatment unit molecules of molecular weight less than the molecular weight of the molecules filtered by the membrane 16 of the exchanger during the first filtration step.

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in this application. In this Preliminary Amendment, claims 15, 17, and 36 have been amended. Claim 15 has been amended to depend from claim 12 alone, and claims 17 and 36 have been amended to depend from claims 16 and 35, respectively.


Applicants respectfully request examination of this application and timely allowance of the pending claims.

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